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JUSTICE RECUSAL PROCEDURE ON AGENDA FOR MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT'S JANUARY 22 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE

LANSING, MI, January 21, 2009 – The process for recusing a Michigan Supreme Court justice from participating in a case will be on the agenda for the Court's third public administrative conference tomorrow.

Under the Court's current practice, if a party moves for a justice's recusal, that justice decides whether he or she can participate in the case and is not required to explain the decision in writing. The Court is contemplating possible rules which would change that procedure.

The Court will also consider chief judge appointments for several courts, including 38th District Court (Eastpointe), 45A District Court (Berkley), 14B District Court (Ypsilanti), and 8th Circuit Court (Ionia/Montcalm counties). Also on the agenda is a status report involving [ADM 2003-62](#), a draft of attorney ethics rule changes.

The conference, which will begin shortly after [oral arguments](#) conclude, will take place in the Court's courtroom on the 6th floor of the [Michigan Hall of Justice](#) in Lansing.

The agenda for [this](#) and future administrative conferences maybe viewed online at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/Resources/Administrative/PH.htm>.

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